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Rear Admiral John S. McCain, USN  
Commander Amphibious Training Command  
U. S. Naval Amphibious Base  
Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Admiral McCain:

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 July addressed to Mr. Dulles concerning the amphibious demonstrations at Camp Pendleton, Virginia, on 3 August.

Mr. Dulles has talked to me about this and unfortunately, he will be unable to join you, much as he would like to do so. However, I plan to attend and have put down 3 August on my calendar as the date to be with you. There are also some of our people here who want to observe these particular demonstrations and I am attaching a list of those who have been designated to attend. We plan to charter a plane for this trip and you might have someone call my assistant, Mr. [redacted] on [redacted] to work out the administrative details, such as time and place of our arrival, dress required, etc.

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It was thoughtful of you to write us about this and I am looking forward with pleasure to joining you on this occasion.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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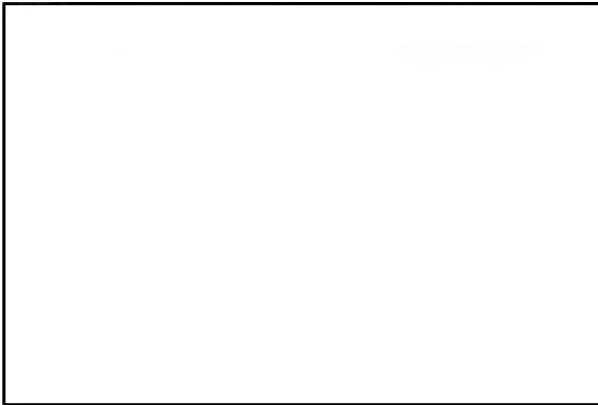
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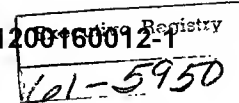
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List of Individuals Designated to Attend the Amphibious Demonstrations:

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COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING COMMAND  
U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET  
U. S. NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE  
LITTLE CREEK, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

19 July 1961

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

On Thursday, 3 August 1961, 750 Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) midshipmen will culminate three weeks of amphibious warfare training by an assault landing at Camp Pendleton, Virginia. The midshipmen, as well as regular Navy and Marine Corps units, will demonstrate the seaborne striking capability of the U. S. Navy. The 750 NROTC second class midshipmen attend 35 colleges located in the eastern states. Enclosed is a list of these colleges.

The landing will be held at 9:30 a. m. (EST) on 3 August at Camp Pendleton, located 2 miles south of Virginia Beach, Virginia. In behalf of the Commander in Chief U. S. Atlantic Fleet and the Commander Amphibious Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, it is my privilege to invite you and General Cabell to observe this demonstration of the seaborne striking capability of the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps.

Today there is a marked need for maximum mobility in both our conventional and retaliatory forces. The President said in his State of the Union message, "I have, therefore, instructed the Secretary of Defense to reappraise our entire defense strategy. . . . and the adequacy,

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modernization and mobility of our present conventional and nuclear forces and weapons systems in the light of present and future dangers. " Sea power is a mobile means of projecting our national power. This can be done from any place on the seven seas onto those land areas where circumstances dictate. Virtually no place on earth is safe from attack by sea. Furthermore, seaborne striking forces have the decisive advantage of constant motion. Simply stated, moving targets are more difficult to locate and destroy than fixed objectives.

Sea power gives to the Nation an instrument whose capabilities run the entire gamut of military requirements. This includes the ability to engage in all-out nuclear war, conventional war, limited war, or a mere "show of the flag." An amphibious assault is one of the many functions that sea power performs so effectively. In the unsettled condition of the world, the ability to surround a trouble spot by assault on land from the seas is indispensable to our future security. The very fact that we possess such a capability gives a potential aggressor pause for thought.

The Navy and Marine Corps are jointly charged with the responsibility for the development and maintenance of an effective amphibious warfare capability in the Defense Establishment. The Navy-Marine Corps team is unique in history because of its mobility and versatility which permit it to make a contribution to virtually every aspect of war, land, sea and air. This is particularly true now and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. By long traditional and operational association these two services provide a force which is unprecedented in the history of warfare to be used in the interests of security. This means being able to put ashore a combat-ready Marine under those circumstances most favorable for the accomplishment of his mission. For these reasons, the training of future officers of the Navy and Marine Corps in this field is of paramount importance to the security of the Nation.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles


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Following the exercise, I would be honored to have you both as my guests at a luncheon which will be held at the Officers' Club at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek. You will also have an opportunity to observe the training facilities and ships at the Base.

Further, I would be pleased to invite additional members of your Staff, such as Chiefs of Area Divisions and other representative Agency officials, who have had or may in the future be in communication with Commander in Chief U. S. Atlantic Fleet on matters of mutual interest. Invitations will be forwarded to your selections immediately upon receipt of your reply.

I believe you will find these demonstrations of amphibious techniques both timely, interesting and educational. I hope you and others from the Central Intelligence Agency will be able to attend.

Very respectfully,

  
JOHN S. MCCAIN, Jr.  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

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THE SECOND CLASS MIDSHIPMEN FROM  
THE FOLLOWING NROTC UNIVERSITIES  
WILL PARTICIPATE

Auburn  
Brown  
Columbia  
Cornell  
Dartmouth  
Duke  
Georgia Tech  
Harvard  
Holy Cross  
Illinois Tech  
Illinois  
Louisville  
Marquette  
Miami (Ohio)  
Michigan  
Mississippi  
North Carolina

Northwestern  
Notre Dame  
Ohio State  
Penn State  
Pennsylvania  
Princeton  
Purdue  
R. P. I.  
Rice  
Rochester  
South Carolina  
Texas  
Tufts  
Tulane  
Vanderbilt  
Villanova  
Virginia  
Yale

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